

*Executive Proclamation  
State of South Dakota  
Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Yankton Toastmasters International Club 1294, District 41, has achieved 50 years of aiding the citizens of Yankton, and its surrounding area, in the enhancement of leadership and communication skills, by improving their public speaking, critical thinking, and analytical listening capabilities; and,

*Whereas*, The ability to speak in a clear and effective manner is a powerful and important skill, helping to overcome barriers to effective performance in virtually all of life's personal and professional endeavors; and,

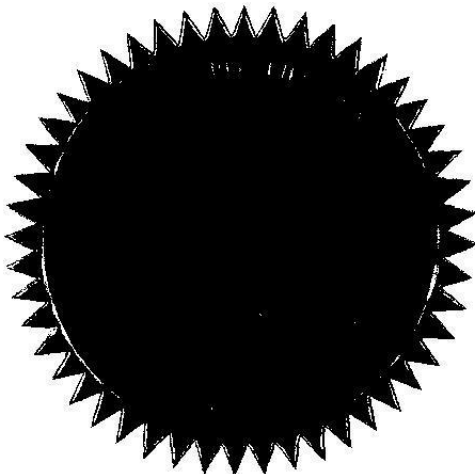
*Whereas*, Toastmasters International Club 1294 boasts five decades of outstanding achievement within the state of South Dakota and is part of an international, nonprofit, educational organization committed to fostering worldwide human understanding through better communication; and,

*Whereas*, Toastmasters International Club 1294 provides a valuable service for its members and those who carry the message of opportunity, initiative, and good fellowship; thus allowing its members to gain knowledge and experience through their own personal performance:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2003, as

*YANKTON TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294 DAY*

in South Dakota, and I encourage all South Dakota citizens to take this opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments and opportunities in communication, public speaking, and leadership this outstanding club makes possible. Furthermore, I encourage visitation of Toastmasters International Club 1294 to enjoy firsthand the benefits of a friendly, supportive environment for self-improvement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
*Chris Nelson*  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State